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Mr. Bill Sinclair, Director
Division of Radiation Control
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
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Dear Mr. Sinclair:

Re: Molycorp Proposal for Relocation of Dry Valley Tailings,
Small Fry Mine, M/037/022, San Juan County, Utah

The Division has reviewed Molycorp's May 18, 1993, "Proposal for Relocation of Molycorp Dry Valley NORM to Small Fry Mine, San Juan County, Utah". The Division concurs with the proposal as described in the plan.

The Division will require verification of the final disposition of the NORM mill tailings. We ask that the operator identify its as-placed location on an underground workings map, and that a site visit be conducted towards the conclusion of the project. The tour should include Bureau of Land Management, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Division of Water Quality, and Division of Radiation Control personnel.

Pursuant to your request, we are returning the enclosed copy of Molycorp's plan to your office. Because this proposal constitutes a change in the approved permit for the Small Fry Mine, we will ask Molycorp to provide us with a copy of this proposal to update the mine plan currently on file with our office.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and provide comment on this proposal. Thank you for your cooperation and diligence in facilitating the review of this plan.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
Associate Director, Mining

Enclosure

cc: Gary Morris, Molycorp
Don Ostler, DWQ